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## CONGRESS ADOPTS SPENDING MEASURE; WEIGHS DEBT LIMIT

Senator John P. East, North Carolina Republican, took vigorous issue with the House-Senate conference agreement to continue the ban on covert aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas at least until March 1, after which it could be lifted only by an affirmative vote of both Houses after a Presidential certification that the Nicaragua Govern-

ment was undermining its neighbors:
"We're going to lose Central America, as we lost South Vietnam, because the U.S. Congress refused to provide the aid in this protracted conflict," the Senator said. "I hate to say it, but the average American doesn't know the difference between a Contra and a caterpillar, or between a Sandinista and a sardine."

The spending bill also includes a package of anticrime legislation that would revise Federal sentencing procedures, allow pretrial detention of "dangerous" suspects, restrict the use of the insanity defense, increase penalties for drug trafficking and reestablish a program of anticrime grants to the states.

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Immigration Bill and Genocide
Treaty Are Abandoned as
Legislators Wind Up

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Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 — Jubilant but exhausted, the nation's lawmakers today gave final approval to a \$470 billion spending bill and struggled to approve an increase in the debt limit as the 98th Congress prepared to adjourn.

Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican of Tennessee and majority leader of the Senate, relieved any lingering concern that President Reagan might veto the spending bill, keeping the legislators away from the campaign even longer.

"I'm authorized to say that the President will approve this measure," Mr. Baker said, of the spending bill, which provides funds for most Government agencies for the next 12 months.

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